

## STRUCK BY TRAIN AT WESTERLY

Geniveri Benvenuti Disregarded Gates Down, and Walked in Front of Express—Injuries Not Fatal—Senior Dramatics Most Successful—Town of Hopkinton to Exempt Big English Industry From Ten Years' Taxes.

Although the usual precautions for safety were taken by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co., a mishap that caused serious injury to Geniveri Benvenuti occurred at the Canal street grade crossing at seven o'clock Thursday morning. An east bound freight train was standing on the west bound track, having crossed over to permit the passage of the accommodation train from New London, due to arrive at 7:01, the locomotive of the freight train standing near the crossing. The gates were down and the gate tender warned Benvenuti not to attempt to cross the tracks, but he paid no heed to the warning, went around the big gate post and the freight locomotive, and stepped directly in front of the approaching accommodation train. He evidently supposed the gates were down for the standing freight train, and took a chance. Benvenuti saw his perilous predicament, but before he could get out of the way he was struck on the right leg between the thigh and knee and rolled for quite a distance between the east and west bound tracks, fortunately keeping beyond the wheels of the cars.

He was placed on a stretcher and carried to the railroad station. Dr. Scanlon was hastily summoned and gave the injured man relief. After examination, the doctor ascertained that Benvenuti had sustained a multiple fracture of the right femur, three ribs of the right side broken and a multiple fracture of the right clavicle. His left ankle was severely bruised and both hands and his head severely cut.

Dr. Scanlon accompanied the injured man to Providence on the 8:24 train and secured for him a free bed of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co. in the Rhode Island hospital. While the injuries are severe, the chances of recovery are favorable.

Mr. Benvenuti resides at 81 Pierce street. He has been employed as a steam driller at the Klondike quarry in Niantic for nine years, and was on his way to take the train for Niantic when the mishap occurred. He has resided in Westerly for nineteen years, has been married twice and has seven children, the oldest a boy of 23, who left home three years ago, and the youngest an infant twenty days old.

The fact of the accident spread rapidly. Half a hundred or more, mostly women, flocked from the Pierce street section, and the station platform was blocked with women, who sobbed, wept, and cried piteously, all because of the injured man. They remained until the departure of the Providence train that carried the injured man. Last summer an Italian was struck and literally ground to pieces by an express train at the Canal street crossing. In both instances no blame was attached to the railroad company, as the customary precautions for safety were ignored.

Lucia's Lover, a playlet produced by seniors of the Westerly high school in high school hall, Thursday evening, pleased a large audience, and the excellent work of the participants received merited appreciation. The parts were ably sustained as follows:

Polly Chandler, Anna B. Ahern; Mildred Chase, Catharine Brown; Katherine Starnes, Agnes Rocher; Edith Lee, Mrs. Goldswaine, Julia Callahan; Marcia Summers, Marcia Bentley; Lucia Lovering, Anna Peckham; Miss McGregor, Katherine Foster; Chancy, an adopted child, a cat.

The play is in three acts; the scenes are laid in a college for girls, introducing girlish pranks with a plot wherein a girl receives correspondence and gifts from several imaginary lovers. In the denouement proves to be her college chums, the connecting chain being carried through the play by the instrumentality of a pretty pensive cat. The play showed careful and conscientious rehearsal and the participants deserved the enthusiastic applause received.

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Attorney Rufus W. Sprague, an officer of the Bradford Dyeing association, that is to locate in Niantic, and Westerly men interested in the concern attended the annual financial meeting of the town of Hopkinton, on Thursday afternoon. After the passage of votes authorizing the annual appropriation and the transaction of routine business, Mr. Sprague was given permission to speak at the meeting in connection with a proposition that the town exempt from taxation for a period of ten years new industries that would locate in the town within a year, as did the neighboring town of Westerly.

Mr. Sprague stated that it was contemplated to erect a plant in Hopkinton, convenient to the Bradford Dyeing establishment in the town of Westerly, a large plant for the manufacture of cotton and woolen goods that would be dyed at the plant now being constructed just across the Pawcatuck river in Niantic, to be designated as Bradford, July 1. The plans would be carried into effect, provided there was exemption from taxes for ten years; if not, the plant would probably be erected in the town of Westerly. He explained the benefits of such an industry to the town and in coming the concern expected welcome from the townspeople and encouragement in exemptions from taxation for a period that is granted by the adjoining town. It would mean the revival of business and upbuilding of the town of Hopkinton.

After some discussion, it was voted to authorize the town council to exempt from taxation for a period of ten years industries that would invest at least \$10,000 in manufacturing plants during the year. It is probable that now work on the new woolen and cotton mill will be started at an early date.

It is understood that the new industry is backed up by an English syndicate indirectly connected with the Bradford Dyeing association. The latter company is arranging for the construction of thirty-five dwelling houses in Hopkinton for the accommodation of operatives of the big plant in Niantic.

The annual meeting of the Westerly College club, composed of college graduates, was held at the home of Miss Esther M. Dodge in Elm street. Officers were elected as follows: Mrs. Thomas Perry, president; Miss Hattie B. Agard, vice president; Miss Fannie T. Pendleton, secretary; Miss M. Ethel Corcoran, treasurer. The club made an outline of their work for the coming year, which included the encouragement of the efficient work in the Westerly schools, the effort to have girls who are employed during the day to attend evening school, and co-operation with the teachers of an industrial course in the evening school of next winter.

Ethan Wilcox and Joseph L. Peacock, librarian emeritus and librarian of the Westerly public library, are members of the Rhode Island Library association, the annual meeting of which is to be held at the Central Falls public library, Monday, June 5.

**Local Laconics.**  
Harold C. Babcock, who has spent the winter season at Florida, returned to Westerly Thursday.

William Dillon of Norwich is spending his vacation in Westerly, the guest of his uncle, Michael Sullivan, in Liberty street.

Teresa Serra, who has been critical of the Westerly high school, was discharged Thursday and returned to her home.

Rev. Samuel M. Cathcart, pastor of the Congregational church, has been voted a vacation of five months. During his absence the pulpit will be supplied by a professor from a southern college.

Thursday was the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of St. Michael's Catholic parish of Westerly. In the original parish there were less than a hundred Catholics; there are now over 5,000 in the same territory.

Lieut. Robert G. Thackeray, who will probably be elected captain of the Fifth company, coast artillery, company, this (Friday) evening, enlisted in the military service of the state just seven years ago.

The Rhode Island Connecticut baseball league season opens today (Saturday) and Westerly will play Stonington on the Vose grounds. The Pawcatucks will play the opening game at Mystic. The league was formerly composed of six teams, but this season there are four teams in the league. Westerly holds the pennants of 1909 and 1910 and expects to win the pennant of the present season.

**COW CHEWED SNAKE.**  
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Jacob Bavario, a resident of Westford, came to Westerly Sunday morning and related an unusual instance which he witnessed last Sunday. While strolling over his farm his attention was attracted to the strange actions of his cow. The animal would suddenly jump and run a few yards, then repeat. Mr. Bavario, on investigating closer saw a huge black snake trying to milk the cow. The cow then turned upon the reptile, and made repeated efforts to gore it, but was unsuccessful. Finally becoming frantic with the heat and worry, the cow picked the snake up in her mouth and shook it so violently that it was separated into many places. The cow was uninjured.

**WADHAMS POST INVITED.**  
To Attend Memorial Service by Rev. Luke Fitzsimons of Waterbury.

Among the services to be held in observance of Memorial day and its season, says the Waterbury American, is one arranged for Sunday evening, May 28, in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, when at 7:30 a sermon will be preached to the members of Wadhams post, G. A. R., by the Rev. Father Luke Fitzsimons, rector of the church. The members of Wadhams camp, of V., and E. H. Liscom camp, S. W. V., will also attend the service, as well as many members of Wadhams Relief corps and others especially interested. All veterans and some of veterans, whether or not they are connected with the G. A. R. or auxiliary organizations, have been invited to attend.

**Always Does His Share.**  
"It takes two to make a war," says President Taft. J. Pierpont Morgan and somebody else, we presume.—Detroit Free Press.

**Going the Other Way.**  
Mr. Bryan sees "the coming of the democratic party." But it isn't trying to overtake Mr. Bryan.—Atlanta Constitution.

**Making Uncle Joe Mad.**  
When anybody wants to get sarcastic with "Uncle Joe," he calls him Joseph Gurney Cannon.—Omaha Bee.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Stain on the Face of City Hall.

Mr. Editor: "The stars are looking down upon you," said a fellow to the object of his adoration, as they were sitting together in their trying place. "Mercy!" exclaimed she, "then won't you look and see if my hat is on straight?"

If the Goddess of Liberty, with a star above her brow, were perched upon the belfry of our City hall building, she

might take the liberty to criticize a very large stain—perhaps six by nine feet, and growing larger every year—upon the face of the building; it destroys the rosy hue of what would otherwise make an attractive face, and spoils the effect of a well cut handsome granite cap.


The blemish has already been there over nine years, and was occasioned by a leak in the cornice, as can be plainly seen in an upper room, particularly in rainy weather when the wind is right for bringing out of the brick the unsightly element. This smutty

display doesn't decorate, but it is as objectionable as a daub application of talcum powder upon a human face. If the stars haven't yet criticized such slovenly and prolonged neglect, the adorable maiden mentioned in one of the Clever Sayings recently copied by "The Bulletin" needn't worry about their looking down to see if her new hat is on straight. The man in the moon, or the moon-struck man, at the trying place, will look out for that; and, perhaps, under a commission form of government our beautiful building will lose this salty, chalky appearance; and


if so we will feel like thanking our newly elected stars for it.  
C. H. TALCOTT.  
Norwich, May 25, 1911.

**Favorably Inclined.**  
Representative Longworth objects to the obscure wording of the free-list bill. He wants nothing but the bald fact.—Omaha Bee.

**Wants Chance to Get Away.**  
President Diaz says he will quit after the audience stops throwing things at him.—Chicago News.



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